

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 28, 2005. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claims 43-49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60 and 61 are pending in the application, with Claims 43, 45-49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60 and 61 being independent. Claims 50, 53, 56 and 59 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 43, 45-49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60 and 61 have been amended. Support for the claim changes can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claims 43-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,078,886 (*Dragosh et al.*). In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, Claims 43, 45-49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, and 61 have been amended. Applicants submit that as amended, these claims are allowable for the following reasons.

Amended Claim 1 relates to a client-server speech recognition system comprising a client and a server. The client comprises display control, determining, storing, speech receiving, first transmission, and inputting means. The server comprises receiving, speech recognition, and second transmission means.

In the client, the display control means is for controlling the display of a speech input window comprising plural input forms. The determining means is for determining from among the displayed plural input forms an input form to which speech information is input as a target speech input. The storing means is for storing a user dictionary which holds target recognition words and input form identifying information in association with each other. The speech

receiving means is for receiving speech information inputted by a speech input module. The first transmission means is for transmitting input form identifying information indicating the input form to which speech information is determined to be input by the determining means, the user dictionary, and the speech information to the server. The inputting means is for inputting a speech recognition result received from the server to the input form to which speech information is determined to be input by the determining means.

In the server, the receiving means is for receiving the input form identifying information, the user dictionary, and the speech information. The speech recognition means is for recognizing the speech information using the target recognition words of the user dictionary associated with the input form to which speech is determined by the determining means to have been input that is identified by the received input form identifying information. The second transmission means is for transmitting the speech recognition result of the speech recognition means to the client.

By this arrangement, according to one example to which the claims are not limited, the user can prepare the user dictionary by registering recognition words which are to undergo speech recognition (page 8, line 25 through page 9, line 4 of the specification), different recognition words can be associated with different input forms, the client can determine an input form to which speech is input, and the server can perform speech recognition on the input speech using only those recognition words in the user dictionary associated with the input form into which speech is determined to be input (page 13, line 19 through page 14, line 2 of the specification). As a result, accuracy and efficiency of speech recognition can be improved.

In contrast, the patent to *Dragosh et al.* is not understood to disclose or suggest storing means for storing a user dictionary which holds target recognition words and input form

identifying information in association with each other or first transmission means for transmitting input form identifying information indicating the input form to which speech information is determined to be input by the determining means, the user dictionary, and the speech information to the server, as recited by amended Claim 43. In addition, this patent is not understood to disclose or suggest speech recognition means for recognizing the speech information using the target recognition words of the user dictionary associated with the input form to which speech is determined by the determining means to have been input that is identified by the received input form identifying information, as also recited by amended Claim 43.

As a result, the *Dragosh et al.* patent is not understood to teach or suggest that: a user prepares the user dictionary by registering recognition words which are to undergo speech recognition; different recognition words are associated with different input forms; the client determines an input form to which speech is input; and the server performs speech recognition on the input speech using those recognition words in the user dictionary associated with the input form into which speech is determined to be input. Instead, column 6, lines 21-26 of this patent, for example, is understood to require the use of a rule to recognize all potential words and phrases to be recognized:

ASR server receives the rule activate request along with the PIZZA grammar handle and activates the ORDER rule, such that the recognizer would be constrained to recognizing words from the SIZE subgrammar, the word "pizza," the word "with" and words from the subgrammar TOPPINGS.

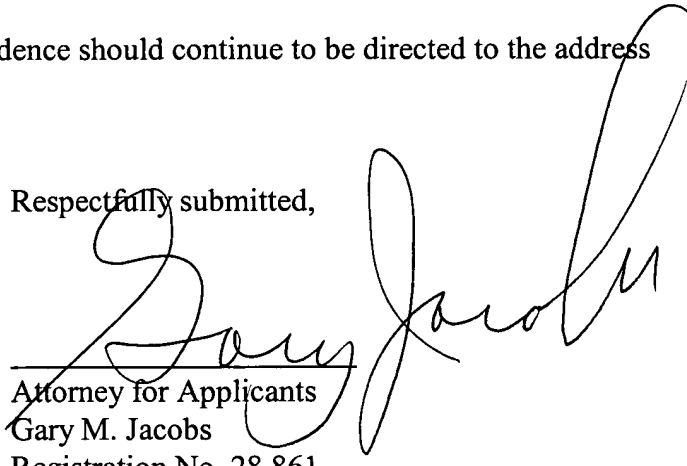
Thus, amended independent Claim 43 recites several features not understood to be disclosed or suggested by the *Dragosh et al.* patent. For this reason, the anticipation rejection of Claim 43 over this patent is understood to now be unwarranted and Applicants respectfully

request that it be withdrawn. And since each of the other independent claims has been amended to recite at least one of the same or similar features recited in Claim 43 that is not understood to be found in the *Dragosh et al.* patent, those claims are also believed allowable over the applied art, for at least the same or similar reasons as Claim 43.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

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